

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Method for deodorizing large-scale plants comprising ~~in which~~ a malodorous solid or liquid material[[s]] that is ~~that is~~ ~~[[are]]~~ stored open-air; ~~by treating the~~ unpurified air above the surface of the malodorous material[[s]] with volatile active agents that react with or mask the malodorous substances that the unpurified air contains, wherein the volatile active agents are dispersed in a matrix of a crosslinked polymer comprising ~~containing~~ hydrophilic groups and form, with this, a spongelike composition from which the volatile active agents are slowly released and evaporate, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spongelike composition is incorporated between two parallel boards open on all sides ~~that are arranged~~ above the surface of the malodorous material[[s]] or at the edge of the large-scale plant; and ~~[[that]]~~ a stream of air from natural wind flows between the parallel boards and over the spongelike composition and releases the volatile active agents.
2. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the spongelike composition comprises ~~in the form of~~ crumbs, boards or strips 0.2 to 5 cm wide is laid on nets or lattices that are incorporated between the parallel boards.
3. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the crosslinked polymer comprises ~~[[is]]~~ a condensation product of a maleinized or epoxidized polymer and a polyamine as the crosslinking agent.
4. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the crosslinked polymer comprises ~~[[is]]~~ a copolymer of a monofunctional (meth)acrylic monomer and a polyfunctional (meth)acrylic monomer as the crosslinking agent.
5. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the volatile active agents are released slowly and uniformly from the spongelike composition over a period of at least three days.

6. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the volatile active agents are present in amounts of 10 to 90% by weight of ~~[[in]]~~ the spongelike composition.
7. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the volatile active agents comprise ~~[[are]]~~ aldehydes, ketones, alcohols, esters or natural oily essences.
8. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the spongelike composition contains at least 0.1% by weight, preferably 1 to 8% by weight, of water.
9. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the spongelike composition further comprises ~~contains additionally~~ flame retardants, sublimation assistants and/or powder in order to prevent caking.
10. (Currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a number of parallel boards are distributed in the large-scale plant or arranged around its edge.
11. (Withdrawn) Device for deodorizing large-scale plants consisting of a pair of parallel boards open on all sides between which a spongelike composition is incorporated, said composition containing a matrix of a polymer containing crosslinked hydrophilic agents and volatile deodorizing agents dispersed therein.
12. (Withdrawn) Device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the spongelike composition is laid on nets or lattices.
13. (Withdrawn) Device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the parallel boards measure from 5 x 5 cm to 100 x 100 cm and are at a distance of from 2 to 20 cm from each other.

14. (Withdrawn) Device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the parallel boards are fixed horizontally to vertical posts.